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UP AND DOWN THE SCALE

Kenneth Andrus

For the past week or two, I've been wondering how I might effectively begin this article. All the rules of Mr. Springer's rhetoric flashed through my mind, and I remembered hearing somewhere that if I used a good beginning and a good ending, what goes between doesn't mean much! But try as I might, I couldn't dream up any colossal, fancy opening! I might have said, "As our aesthetic moods turn toward the beckoning of lackadaisical refrains lilting through a lilac-laden atmosphere . . ." but I wouldn't have known what to say next!

However, I will mention what I plan to emphasize in this column. The news of any of the musical activities around B.B.I. will be covered, along with some occasional comments and features out of the music world (BBI's music world, that is!).

Plans for the summer tour of the Quartet are well under way now. Several responses have come in to us as a result of the letter sent out in February. The tour looks very bright and eventful—not only in the light of reaching the lost, but the amount of country we'll see, as well.

So as to arouse a yen of wanderlust, I'll mention our approximate route. We'll start out through Michigan from Toledo; across Lake Michigan to Oshkosh, Wisconsin; go through that state to Minnesota; then south to Iowa, then a little southwest to Kansas. Then after catching our breath, we'll head east again going through Missouri, and down into Tennessee, up through Kentucky, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York. At this point, I'd like to request prayer in behalf of the Quartet. As of now, we still have no means of travel, but the Lord is able.

I wonder how many have started their term paper for music class? We have exactly eight weeks (or almost) to get them done. As a little help to those who plan to work on the topic of "Music In The Bible," there is a book in our library entitled, *Is That In the Bible* by Charles Potter, which contains a chapter on that subject. It's not too exhaustive, but it is quite versatile in its material. It is a wonderful foundation from which to start. Then too, for some of the secular topics, let's not forget our *Encyclopedia Britannica*. I've found many interesting and educational things from it.

The other day I was reading in one of those "bargain" hymn stories book from the book store, and ran across the story of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." (Those books may be a "bargain," but I feel they're two books I want to get as soon as I can!) At any rate, the history of this hymn is very edifying.

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Revive Me Again!

KENNETH A. AMSLER

"Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord" (Lamentations 3:40).

In Los Angeles, during eight weeks, over 350,000 people attended the tent meetings conducted by Dr. Billy Graham. Around 7,000 took a stand for Christ and of this number 3,000 were first-time decisions. According to Brother Graham, the success of the campaign was due to the prayer of God's people, the power of the Holy Spirit and the power of the Word of God.

As the result of the miracle-working power of the Holy Spirit during the Billy Graham evangelistic campaign in Boston, all New England is stirred and waiting. The newspaper gave six and eight column front page pictures to the concluding meeting at Boston Garden, when 16,000 people packed New England's largest hall. Some 8,000 people were turned away from the final meeting, unable to get in. More than 1,500 people (the newspaper said 2,500) were converted during the final service.

Robert Van Kampen, president of the Van Kampen Press, related how the moving of the Holy Spirit was not confined to the meetings where Graham spoke but it continued in outlying churches and communities throughout the greater Boston area. Pastors reported greatly increased attendance in the local churches, plus a deep conviction of sin. One pastor who confessed to Graham that he had not had a single conversion in his church for more than two years preached a simple gospel message based on old-fashioned Bible exposition in the morning service and forty-five persons accepted Christ.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer had a four-column picture and a five-column article on the front page describing the forty-two hour continuous revival service at Wheaton College.

Dr. Enock C. Dyrness, registrar at Wheaton College, wrote as follows: "On Wednesday evening the revival started with a few testimonies at the 7:00 meeting and continued straight through until 9:00 Friday morning when there were still 75

Foreign Missions Fellowship

Gladys O'Dell

A letter has just been received from the Cleveland McDonald family, who arrived on their new field in Brazil, S. A., a few months ago. Being on the other side of the Equator, they have had the unusual experience of going from one hot summer directly into another, missing winter entirely.

Their main difficulty, like all missionaries arriving on a new field, is the language. Their teacher, a bank employee, is eager to learn English, so they exchange lessons.

Their chief prayer needs are: first, to learn the language quickly; secondly, trained Brazilian leadership; and thirdly, a car. The closest missionary is 250 miles distant. A car would enable them to reach more quickly the villages which are in such need of the Gospel.

They tell of the long, slow processions of hundreds of people walking along, chanting Latin songs to some saint. In the processions, they carry large statues of Mary and Jesus. There are twelve Catholic churches in this city of 30,000 people. The need of more missionaries among these poor deluded people truly is great.

waiting to testify. They continued in a private room and finished at 2:00 in the afternoon. It is indeed wonderful in our eyes and we have experienced as never before the power of the Holy Spirit. Deep conviction has fallen upon students and faculty alike. It has been a quiet demonstration, but so powerful that it stirred people all over the country. We are praying that this may prove to be a real testimony to the world and that it may encourage other Christians to pray and believe that God is ready even in these days to send great revivals."

According to newspaper reporters, Dr. Edman, president of Wheaton College, reported that he was unable to account for the religious phenomena. "It was unplanned and soon went beyond the human element," he explained. "There is an extraordinary sense of the divine presence. All through the night the students came out and went on tip-toe."

Dr. Roger Voskuyl, dean of students, said he thought, "This display of human faith indicates a hunger for deeper life." At the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago, 365 students spent more than fourteen-hours getting right with the Lord. A student at Northern Seminary said, "It was entirely voluntary. The only thing that happens at times like this is that the Holy Spirit takes hold of your life."

Dr. Torrey Johnson, past president of Youth for Christ, describes the Wheaton revival as "very definitely a part of a great movement of the Holy Spirit to reach the hearts of the masses of the people." Dr. Johnson also told of great

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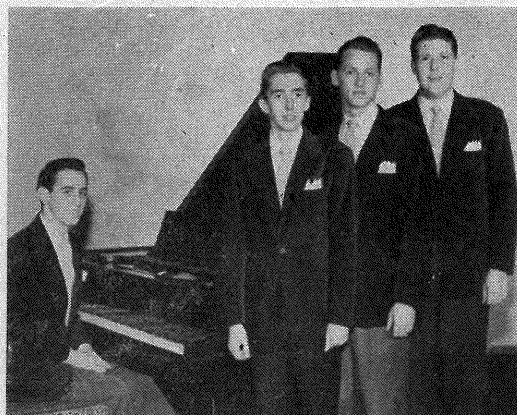
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3000 Hear Quartet

During a recent all-day stay in Warren, Ohio, the B. B. I. Quartet sang and gave their testimonies to three thousand high school students in that city. The following appeared several months ago in the *Warren Tribune Chronicle*:—"Joseph Stevens, local director of the Youth for Christ foundation, presented a male quartet in an interesting assembly Thursday morning. The quartet included Ward Weaver, Vernon Weber, Harry Banfield and Kenneth Andrus, a former Harding student.

"The quartet sang several numbers, and solos were given by Weaver who



sang "By Life or By Death" and "Were You There" was selected as Weber's selection. They were accompanied by Andrus.

"The quartet is from the Baptist Bible Institute of Cleveland. They toured 10

ALUMNI NEWS

Major Opal Wharf, '46, working in the Salvation Army Hospital in Cincinnati, reports some outstanding conversions. One young couple, who were recently saved, have felt called as missionaries and are now in Bible School.

Ethel Papp, '46, is serving as housekeeper in the Red Bird Mission Hospital at Beverly, Kentucky.

Harry Hemminger, '46, is serving on the extension staff of the Sword of the Lord. He reports many conversions in the meetings which he has conducted. He has had many opportunities to witness and lead souls to Christ as he travels from place to place showing the gospel films.

Florian and Mildred Manas, former Evening School students, are now residing in Union City, Pennsylvania. Florian is pastor of the Hatch Hollow Baptist Church and Lake Pleasant Baptist Church. God has richly blessed his ministry as evidenced by the doubling of the attendance in Sunday School and increased interest in the Bible Club work and soul-winning class. They request that we pray for real revival in their churches.

Mary Schoun, '46, tells of the many thrills which she receives each week through the remarks of the boys and girls in her Bible Clubs. Mrs. Schoun conducts four of these Bible Clubs each week. One mother is especially glad because the Bible Club has taken the place of dancing lessons for her children.

John Hes, '48, is serving as pastor of the Hammononton Baptist Church at Hammononton, New Jersey. He writes as follows, "Since leaving B.B.I., I have often thought of the school and what it has meant to me. If it had not been for the training I received at B.B.I., I would never have been able to accept the pastorate of this church and as a result, I might have been forced to discontinue my studies . . . I also was delighted to receive a copy of the B. B. I. Alumni News, and think it is a wonderful step forward."

Bertha Gleske Dudley, '48, is taking the missionary course at the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago. She and her husband are looking forward to pioneer work in Nigeria, Africa, after they complete their work at the Moody Bible Institute and Camp Wycliffe.

Rev. Irwin Stanton, who attended Evening School for two years, spoke recently in Day School chapel and told about the many remarkable blessings of the Lord in the mission work at McDowell, Kentucky. Buildings have been repaired and improved. Souls have

states, covering 6,000 miles for two weeks this summer."

Mr. Stevens writes as follows: "It was a real joy having the B.B.I. Quartet with us. The fellows did a wonderful job. They fitted themselves to the different situations and the principals, teachers, and students were loud in their praise of the good program they gave. We had invitations from all the schools for return engagements. It was a real opportunity and I appreciate working with such swell fellows . . ."

been saved and the attendance and interest has been very unusual. Recently Mrs. Stanton was brought to Cleveland by ambulance and underwent an operation at the Cleveland Clinic. She is much improved in health but is still using crutches. Please pray for her complete recovery and continue to remember Brother and Sister Stanton and the boys as they labor in McDowell, Kentucky.

Recently, the Institute collected and sent large quantities of clothes and supplies for distribution through the Stations.

Student Council Highlights

Ruth Nephew

Greetings from the student council!

At our initial meeting the following were elected as members of the student council: President, Don Woodby; Vice President, Charles Moore; Secretary, Ruth Nephew; and Treasurer, Mary Alice Jackson. The representatives from each class are: Mary Roselyn Hall and Jack Yardlay from the first year class, Dick Damon and Edith Spieth from the second year class, and Alice Seatter and Sam Brindiar from the third year class.

The purpose of the Student Council is to assist in providing a well-rounded program of extra-curricular activities which will develop the physical, mental, social, and spiritual life of the students; for inspiring loyalty to the school and to the principles for which it stands; for promoting an efficient and harmonious school life; and for recommending to the proper authorities any action which it deems wise for the student as an individual or for the student body as a whole.

There have been several occasions that called for a party—Hallowe'en and Christmas times. A good time was had by all.

We count it a real privilege and a pleasure to act in behalf of the student body. The Lord's presence in each of our meetings is a real comfort and joy as we earnestly seek the leading of the Holy Spirit that we might attain a closer walk with our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Our eyes are now focused upon the early morning prayer meetings from whence we are looking for and receiving real spiritual blessing and revival. We are conscious of the fact that, as it is our desire to see a great spiritual awakening among the student body, so is it the desire of each student. Come—delight thyself in our wonderful almighty God, make known your petitions unto Him, and He shall give you the desire of your heart! Is it your desire to know Jesus more intimately, to love Him more, to walk in fellowship and communion with Him moment by moment? It is mine.

The cooperation of the student body this year, as in years past, has been highly commendable! We appreciate every suggestion you have made and also your willingness to serve as monitors. "Lord, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me" Psalms 133:1.

Financial Statement for January

GENERAL FUND

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1950 \$ 359.78

JANUARY RECEIPTS

Gifts	\$ 887.22	
Fees	916.12	
Misc.	3.00	
Book Sales	769.31	2575.65

Total Receipts & Cash

\$ 2935.43

JANUARY EXPENSES

General Expenses	\$ 1315.59	
Books Purchased	907.68	
Furniture for Office	59.91	2283.18

Cash on Hand, February 1, 1950 in General Fund

\$ 652.25

DORMITORY FUND

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1950 \$ 1757.64

JANUARY RECEIPTS

Board & Room (Prepaid Second Semester)	\$ 1833.25	
Fees	2.00	
Gifts	5.00	
Misc.	6.88	1847.13

Total Receipts & Cash

\$ 3604.77

JANUARY EXPENSES

Food & Utilities	\$ 413.44	
Salaries & Misc. Maintenance	192.35	
Improvements on Garage	200.00	
Mortgage	148.50	
Insurance	61.25	1015.54

Cash on Hand, January 31, 1950

\$ 2589.23

PLEASE READ PRAYERFULLY

The above financial report may appear to indicate that we have sufficient funds on hand. However, it must be remembered that the above statement includes most of the fees and money for board and room for the entire second semester. On February 15, the general fund was overdrawn \$561.00. It was necessary to borrow that amount from the dormitory fund to retire book bills. Recently, we had to borrow from the dormitory fund to pay the monthly salaries.

We must have an increase of \$1000.00 per month in gifts to maintain the school for the rest of this year. We urge you to pray and give regularly each month as the Lord enables.

Christian Service Report

The Christian Service Department of the Institute is anxious to aid the churches of the Cleveland area in every possible way. If you need Sunday School teachers, youth leaders, tract distributors, house-to-house visitors, or desire one of the Institute's gospel teams to conduct a service in your church, please call Mrs. Williams at RAndolph 3725.

During the present school year, Day School students have conducted the following services:

Bible Clubs	475
Church Services	310
Sunday School Classes	277
Children's Churches	100
Radio Broadcasts	28
Jail Services	21
Mission Meetings	16
Young Peoples Meetings	16
Tract Distribution	10
Old Peoples Home Meetings	8
Hospital Meetings	5

Regular services conducted each week include:

Bible Clubs	19
Sunday School Classes	11
Children's Churches	2

I am more profoundly convinced than ever before that the Gospel of God's grace, that system of truth and life centered in the crucified, risen, living, and soon coming Son of God is the only hope of confused, lost, and dying humanity. The preaching of the pure gospel of Jesus Christ and the teaching of the holy Word of God is the imperative need of the hour. Therefore, the preparation and provision of fearless, uncompromising, scholastically, and spiritually qualified young men for the gospel ministry is the most important task in the world today.

Perhaps it is a sin to be mediocre. We need not be a large school or a great school, but we must be a strong, sound, spiritual, scriptural school. We must have quality before quantity. We made remarkable progress in the past few years, for which we all praise God. The Lord has been pleased to send us talented and earnest students. We must give them the best in Bible study, spiritual

Five Day School students have student pastors.

Tracts Distributed	28,455
Decisions for Christ	462

(not all reported)

guidance, thorough training and Christian service. To do this adequately we need more full-time teachers and counsellors. The enlargement of our library and class room and office facilities is also essential.

A gift of \$50,000 over and above our regular monthly needs would enable us to retire the indebtedness on our present nineteen-room brick dormitory and acquire another suitable building to accommodate out-of-town students. We trust that you will pray regularly and give each month to this important work of teaching the Word and training ministers of Christ.

REVIVE ME AGAIN!

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revivals in five other colleges. He especially listed North Park College in Chicago; John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Ark.; Columbia Bible College, Columbia, S. C.; Moody Bible Institute, Chicago; and the Providence Bible Institute, Providence, R. I.

On February 6, NBC's around-the-world broadcast with Morgan Beattie featured a reporter in Hollywood describing "the Hollywood group." He told how movie stars, producers, and other Hollywood personnel were meeting in homes for fellowship, prayer and Bible study. He said, "They call themselves theological conservatives with an evangelical desire to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to Hollywood people . . . They have taken a long term contract with Jesus Christ." Miss Colleen Townsend, twenty-one year old actress who has given up a \$750.00 a week movie contract to follow the Lord Jesus, was a member of this Hollywood group. Miss Townsend is planning to enter a Christian school next spring and has given her life entirely to the service of the Lord Jesus Christ.

According to Dr. Harold John Ockenga, "It is apparent that a divine visitation is at hand. What we formerly attempted with little result is now being attended by great results . . . We are led to believe that we are hearing a sound of the going in the tops of the mulberry trees today."

"The coming of the revival now is contingent upon the concurrence of the human will. These signs are the signal to us to advance in vision, faith and courage . . . But we must all participate in bringing about this revival. It means you. It means me."

Let us seriously ask ourselves these searching questions. Is there any place within my heart where I am resisting God? Am I rebellious because of God's dealings with me? Am I determined to have my own way instead of the Lord's way? Am I faithful in daily personal prayer and in Bible study? Does the life I live at home agree with my public profession? Do I become resentful and bitter when I am criticized? Am I careful in respect to the time and money that belongs to others? Am I unwilling to make anything right that I know stands between me and another Christian? Am I more concerned about the shortcomings, mistakes, and failures of others than I am about my own? "Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord" (Lamentations 3:40).

UP AND DOWN THE SCALE

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Rev. John Fawcett's salary had been so meager, back in 1772, that he felt he must find a new parish in order to keep his family alive. At last an opportunity opened for him in London, and the day came for his last sermon. Then the following day he loaded the wagons, and started to move.

At once, all the village folk, seeing his furniture being moved out, congregated around his house weeping, begging him to stay.

Overcome by their grief, Rev. and Mrs. Fawcett could not move away, and ordered the furniture be returned into the house.

Thereafter John Fawcett lived on his \$125 a year, but with that greater than money—love.

How often do we realize that we are often far more content with our meager and insignificant circumstances than if we had all the great things in the world!

Student Wives' Guild

During the past few weeks, the S. W. Guild met and elected the following officers. Arlene Woodby, President; Ruth Wright, Vice President; Eyvonne Garlich, Treasurer; and Terry Jandecka, Secretary. Our supervisors are Mrs. Gerald Smelser and Mrs. Paul McCullough.

From time to time we will have supervised instruction. We were fortunate to have with us at our last meeting Mr. Glen Davis, pastor of the Miles Avenue Baptist Church and an instructor in B.B.I. Evening School. Along with the instruction periods, we are also doing personal work at the Mary Thomas Rest Home. Any person interested in giving your testimony to these aged people, please contact the Guild President.

This group is for the wives of any of the married students of the Day or Evening schools. The meetings are held every other Monday afternoon at 2 p.m. at the dormitory, 1469 East Boulevard.

CLASSES—
SENIOR NEWS

The Senior Class this year is the smallest of the three classes, but then how does that saying go, "good things come in small packages . . . and quantity does not always mean quality." Although this small class consists of only ten, its members are quite busy in activity for the Lord. All of the fellows have preaching engagements on different occasions, and some are now or have been in the past, holding student pastorates. Some of the activities of the girls are: Bible Clubs, Junior Church, Sunday School Classes, and Gospel Team assignments.

The elected officers are Sam Brindiar, President; Ruth Nephew, Vice President; Donna Anderson, Secretary; and Sue Schneck as Treasurer.

The Class verse is Colossians 1:18b, ". . . That in all he might have the pre-eminence." The chosen colors are Crimson and White, with the Motto being "To Know Him and Make Him Known."

FRESHMEN NEWS:

The Freshmen Class elected officers soon after their entrance into B. B. I. They decided that Junior Eichenauer was capable to fulfill the important office of President. He has proven himself by his commendable work to the present time and as he will in the future. Bob Archer was chosen Vice President with Mrs. Mary Hess as our Secretary-Treasurer. Mrs. Hess has been successfully coaxing our monthly dues from tightly closed pockets and purses.

In selecting our class song, we considered many, but the majority of the class favored "Set Us Afire, Lord." It is our earnest prayer that He will do that very thing and use us mightily in His service. The class desire is adequately expressed in Daniel 12:3, "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." Our colors, Blue and White, each have a particular meaning. The White stands for our cleansing from sin, and the Blue for heavenliness.

Day School Life

Christian greetings to Mrs. Jack Yardlay and daughter Janet . . . also to following new First year students, George R. Bates, Garden City, Kansas, "B.B.I. is a real place to study to show thyself approved unto God and to fellowship with men and women whom God has called into service for Him."

Jean Campbell, Garden City, Kansas . . . "I thank God for a school like B.B.I. where the Bible is taught and the teachings are put into practice by both teachers and students."

Floyd A. Davis, North Jackson, Ohio . . . "Enjoyable to study in a Bible-teaching school. Have much respect for pre-millennial teaching and the deep spiritual seeking of lost souls."

Lucille Emmke, Parma, Ohio . . . "I'm thankful for the opportunity to study God's Word in such a place as B.B.I. Also, the Christian fellowship is wonderful!"

Ray Holt, Huntington, West Virginia, "The school is wonderful. It is far better than I expected. The spiritual life here is wonderful and really a Godsend. And, the Lord willing, I will be here to enjoy it until I am finished in this course. I thank you every one for the warm welcome I received when I came. May I be a blessing to the school as it has been to me, and as it will be in the future."

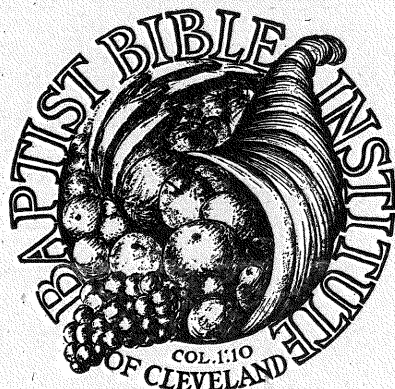
James L. Rankin, Dayton, Ohio . . . "I praise God for the doors He has opened for me to come here to this fine Bible School."

David L. Shimp, Byesville, Ohio . . . "I thank God for Christ, my Saviour and for B.B.I., the faculty, students, and Christian fellowship."

We miss and regret deeply the loss of Mary Belle Fairbee, Robert Archer, and John Reeder. We pray the Lord's richest blessing upon them wherever they go.

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